



Kerry Gardner Bullard

August 21, 1951 - March 17, 2022

Kerry passed on the evening of March 17th in his home surrounded by his loving wife, children, and grandchildren. In a sacred family moment, we were torn between losing a man we loved so much and seeing him free from the pain that had accompanied him in his final year of life. We would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and friends who helped to provide comfort and support during his final days. We will never forget this wonderful man who had a hard exterior, but was so warm and soft to those who knew and loved him best.

Kerry was born on August 21st, 1951 in Rock Springs, Wyoming where his father worked mining coal. His family soon relocated to Roy, Utah where Kerry grew up. Kerry loved sports and excelled at basketball and football at Roy High School. He would go on to play sports at Snow College, serve a church mission in Leeds, England and later finish his studies at Weber State College. He met and married Joyce Elizabeth Johnson in the Ogden Temple in June of 1977. They went on to raise a family of six children and twenty-eight grandchildren. Kerry was the ultimate provider, never shying away from hard work and sacrifice to provide the necessities of life for his family. He was reliable and on-time in his professional life, rarely missing a day in his 32-year career as a History and Geography teacher at Syracuse Junior High School. He would later continue this relentless work ethic in searching out his own ancestors and serving in the Ogden Temple. He didn't owe a dime to any person and would sometimes work multiple jobs to secure the extra funds needed to send a child on a mission or pay for a wedding. His interactions with family ranged from gently bouncing the baby on his lap, playing tricks on the younger grandkids, teasing the older kids, and trading quick-witted remarks and jabs with the adults. He was always the one to say the truth in any situation, whether people were ready to hear it or not. His needs were simple; and he always preferred those objects, places, and people that were unique or special to him. He showed his love with consistent action over long periods of time, rarely with words.

Kerry is preceded in death by his father – Claude Leslie Bullard and mother – Genevieve Gardner Bullard. He is survived by his wife—Joyce; children—Jeff (Alicia), Danny (Colleen), Marilyn McAllister (Brett), Robert (Ashley), Emily Johnson (Alex), and William

(Julia); and 28 grandchildren.

A viewing will be held on Friday, March 25th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM and Saturday, March 26th from 9:30 – 10:30 AM. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 26th at 11:00 AM. Viewing and funeral services will take place at the Clearfield South Stake Center (2186 Katie's Way). Internment at Lindquist's Cemetery in Layton, UT.

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Tribute Wall

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“ We had the wonderful opportunity to be friends and neighbors with Kerry & Joyce when we moved into Melanie Acres back in 1983. We couldn't have picked any better neighbors! We have fond memories of playing Volleyball with them in the ward and stake. He & Joyce were so athletic and inspirational. We also enjoyed singing with them in the ward and stake choirs. Kerry added strength to the bass section! Those were good times. Also what fun we had at block parties! Such a blessing to raise our children together. We could always depend on them to share if we ran out of something we were cooking and found out we had run out...then we could do the same for them! It was always great to see Kerry's familiar face at Syracuse Jr. High School when DeeAnn was working as a sign language interpreter for the deaf there. Kerry was always willing to help if possible. We remember their kindness and support, when our son, Chad died. In fact Kerry was teaching one of our grand kids at that time, EJ. Kerry has touched countless lives over the years! He was a good example and had a ready smile and laugh for any occasion. He will be missed! God bless Kerry, wrap him and his family up in your love and give them peace! .

DeeAnn Fisher - March 26 at 10:56 AM

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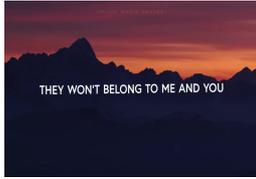
“ We have many fond memories of our good neighbor, Kerry Bullard. We met him and his family when we moved into the house across the street back in 1983. We really enjoyed playing Volleyball with him & Joyce. And his voice added to our Ward Choir and Stake Choir Bass Section! So many ways one neighbor helps his neighbor! Thank you Kerry for all the kindnesses and services you shared with us. You and your family hold a special place in our memories. Such a blessing to have raised our children with you and yours in Clearfield. It was always fun to see your familiar face at Syracuse Jr. High School when DeeAnn was working there as a Sign Language Interpreter. And we appreciate the support you and Joyce were for us when our son, Chad died. You were even teaching his child, EJ at that time. You have influenced countless lives! We are asking God to wrap you up in his love and your family too! You will be sorely missed.



DeeAnn Fisher - March 26 at 10:10 AM

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DeeAnn Fisher - March 26 at 09:58 AM

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I am sure going to miss Kerry.

He was my best friend ever since we moved into Roy right after third grade. We instantly became Bud's, and did all sorts of things with each other until after our missions, and at Weber State, even in Delta Phi together. Once we got married, started raising a family, and with work and church callings, it was hard to stay close. But we sure did have a lot of time playing sports, sleeping out, double dating, and just plain hanging out with each other. I'll bet I spent at least two dozen evenings with Kerry at Big Vern's gassing up customers and washing their windshields, not to mention the good times we shared on those evenings chatting during the dead times. I can personally vouch that he was a dedicated and skillful athlete in basketball, football, volleyball, softball, baseball, etc.

I remember one night, at a friend's house for a birthday party, and Kerry went over to their piano and started banging away a couple of catchy , favorite songs, that he had practiced up on, and boy did all the girls beeline over to the piano to not only hear him play, but to sing along as well. He was definitely the hit of the night, and all the girls favorite.

And not only did he play a sweet piano, but he also played a mean French horn in the Royal band, and sing with me in the Royal choir with an excellent voice. A really talented young man!

I could go on and on about Kerry , because he sure had a lot of talents to share, and friendship to offer to many.

He was always a religious and deeply spiritual man. He loved his Lord.

I truly will miss my good friend. He is a great man.

God bless you Joyce, and all of his family as well as we remember this wonderful husband , friend and father.

Jay Hill

Jay Hill @ 435. 313. 3230 - April 03 at 10:15 PM

KA

“ *I worked with Kerry hi last 14 years of teching at Syracuse Junior High. He was one of the first faculty members who welcomed me and became a great mentor and friend. I so enjoyed his quick wit and fun sense of humor. I will certainly cherish our many talks and his words of wisdom. He was a “gentle giant “ and was so kind hearted. He will be missed greatly by me and many others who had the blessing of knowing him.*

Kayloa Anderson - March 24 at 06:09 PM

TW

“ *I taught with and coached against Kerry back in the 80 and 90's, he was always one of my favorite colleagues, he had a huge, positive impact on his 1000s of students. I will cherish my memories of him.*

todd Williams - March 23 at 12:15 PM

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Jeff Bullard - March 22 at 07:46 PM

LD

“ Kerry and I went on a classic 1973 summer work-road trip with another DPK brother Scott Larkin, where we were part of a crew that plastered swimming pools at private residences.

Kerry drove his green chevy with me and Scott on board all the way to Rockford MD. and once we were there, that was our transportation.

During that summer we were privileged to have plastered the fountains and reflecting pools in the Washington DC Temple grounds and inner stairwells. It was a great experience that we all fondly remember throughout our lives.

Unfortunately during a road trip to New York the green chevy got sideswiped and ended up in the shop. Shortly there after Kerry and Scott were transferred to San Fransisco where they were needed based on work load for the plastering company we worked for.

I was not transfered to SF because I was the only one that could run the plaster gun truck so I stayed back in Rockford and took care of the green chevy. At the end of the summer Kerry was flown back to DC to get his beloved green chevy.

So we began the drive back home. When we were somewhere between Iowa and Nebraska Kerry sat up abruptly and said "I'm taking off my shoes!" I replied "So What!" Kerry then said "they havent been off for a while". I then asked "How long is a while?" Kerry replied "About 3 weeks" "Three Weeks!" I stated in disbelief. "Yup" is all he said and proceeded to remove the shoes, red Converse, with a loud suction sound as they were removed. " I showered in them every day" he declared. The windows went down immediatly and as we drove into the setting sun with our heads out the windows, I yelled into the rushing wind "You couldn't have waited just a few more hours?"

To my Great and Beloved brother and dear friend
Fare thee well and Godspeed Brother
Lee Dickson

Lee Dickson - March 22 at 07:32 PM

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Kay - March 22 at 06:46 PM

SB

“ Kerry was a great brother and role model growing up in Roy! He made me do his chores in our garden but then when I was done he would get his catcher's mit and I would pitch to him! He was inspirational in getting us all involved in all sports because he was such a natural athlete! He will be missed by his seven brothers and sisters!!

Steve Bullard - March 22 at 06:14 PM

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Jeff - March 22 at 05:01 PM

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Jeff - March 22 at 04:49 PM

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Jeff - March 22 at 04:33 PM

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“ I served with Kerry in Clearfield 16th Ward. He was a great and humble man. He raised a wonderful family and was true to his faith. He left a legacy for students, friends and family. My thoughts and condolences are with Joyce and the family.

Dave McMillan - March 22 at 04:29 PM

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Jeff - March 22 at 11:36 AM

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Jeff Bullard - March 22 at 09:47 AM